



# NIGHTS BEFORE NIGHT

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DEVILTRY



I loved him.



HARD.

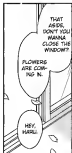


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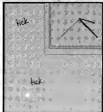
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That person...





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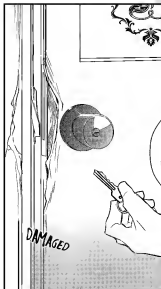
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I WANT YOU TO  
HIDE HIM AT  
YOUR PLACE.



...  
WHAT?



GO ON.

CALL  
ME  
TAKA,  
NOT  
YUKI.



I JUST  
HAD A  
LITTLE  
FIGHT.

HE  
QUARRELED  
WITH A LOT  
OF THE  
YOUNGSTERS  
OF THE  
SHOGU  
GROUP...

IT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO BREAK  
TEN FINGERS  
OR MORE IN  
A FIGHT,  
YUKI-SAN.



IT'S A  
TERRIBLY  
EMBARRASS-  
ING STORY,  
BUT...



1/11 \*Someone who's not yakuza or the like

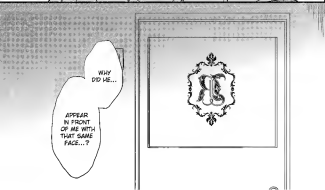






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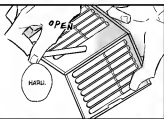
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YOU  
HAVEN'T  
CHANGED.

INDEED.

SORRY FOR  
THIS KIND OF  
TALK AFTER  
SO LONG.

BUT IT'S  
ALREADY  
BEEN 10  
YEARS  
SINCE  
YOU LEFT,  
HUNT?



YOU WON'T LET A  
GAY THAT RUNS  
A BROTHEL LIKE  
ME COME BACK,  
RIGHT?



HARU.

YOU DON'T  
FEEL LIKE  
COMING BACK  
AND BEING MY  
SUBORDINATE?



I'M BUYING  
YOUR  
ABILITIES.



.....  
IS IT  
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SHIGU-  
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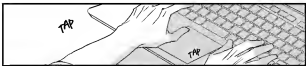


OPEN













A TOWEL.

AA...  
DID YOU  
SAY YOU'RE  
MISSING  
SOMETHING?



HMM?

ARE THOSE  
SCARS FROM  
A FIGHT?



.....



HAH!

THAT WILL  
MAKE THE  
ICHIJOU  
BOSS  
UNEASY,  
WON'T IT?

WHY ARE  
YOU ACTING  
LIKE A  
BULLET?



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**I HATE**

**MODS**

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**Natsune Kazuki**

**Born 10/29 O Blood type**

Thankfully, this comic became very thick.

If you read it to the very end, I'll be happy.



**KENICHI YURIKAWA (25) K BLOOD TYPE**

Smoker

The son of the Ichijo hosts' legal wife.

A selfish and vulgar hoodlum.

Specializes in praying, as his body is covered with scars, but he doesn't care.

A pro at going out to play by himself. Loves sweets.



**HARU ICHJO (8 BLOOD TYPE**

Smoker + Non-Smoker

Former yakuza. Current: sensible owner of brother, Ran.

Worldly-wise and cool, but surprisingly modest/naïve.

Dotes kids, but has a tendency to push them to be better.)

Often goes alone to drink at bars in Shinjuku Ni-Chome.

Ikemen cooking. <- Not interested in food.



**KENJIRO SUMIRE (30) AB BLOOD TYPE**

Smoker

Yakubaru's older brother by a different mother.

Lost a furious existence among the Ichijo group.

Moody and tended to live a relatively unconfined lifestyle. Haru always got angry at him for

After meeting Haru, Haru often added his laundry for him (which made Haru angry).

Chen Smoker

# CHARACTER GRAPH

## HAIRU (33) TATTOO: DRAGON

AKI (33)  
TATTOO: TRIBAL

Freelance Photographer  
Haru's friend

Childhood  
friends who  
grew up in an  
orphanage

Has been suffering from  
insomnia since Shigure died

Had a cross tattooed on the  
back of his neck after leaving  
the Ichijou group

Had the same lover for 11 years  
Isn't going to fool around with a  
black-haired smoker

## YUKITAKA (26) TATTOO: HAWK

Shigure's younger brother by a  
different mother

Son of a yakuza

Open-minded personality

The son of this  
legal wife, yet  
has hardly ever  
spoken to his  
father

He has a hawk  
tattoo on his  
left shoulder

Originally, it  
was supposed to  
be on his side

His hair and  
eyeglasses make  
him seem  
unapproachable

He has a mole  
under his right eye

In competition  
with Shigure

Shiro hates being called "little  
kitten" (That's his background,  
but it wasn't included in the story)

LITTLE  
KITTEN

BLACK  
YOU

Shiro and Yuki are  
the same age

CALL ME  
"TAKU"!  
Σ

DO  
WHATEVER  
YOU LIKE,  
YUKI-SAM

## TSUKINORI

Has marked hand and foot on Yukitaka since childhood

He always wears black gloves, so he appears to have a  
darkness obsession. In reality, he has an amazing tattoo  
on his back



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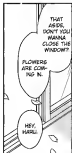
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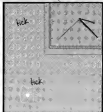
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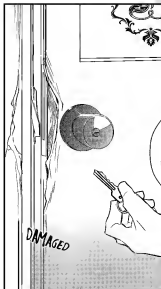
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HE ONLY  
SAYS  
SELFISH  
BULLSHIT...

huh?



OPEN

I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHO IT IS.

BUT ONLY  
AUTHORIZED  
PERSONNEL  
CAN COME IN.

YOU CAN'T  
JUST COME  
IN AS YOU  
PLEASE...













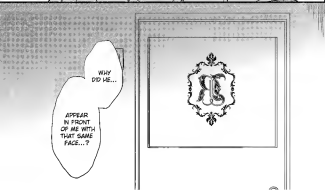
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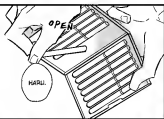
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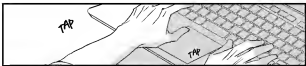


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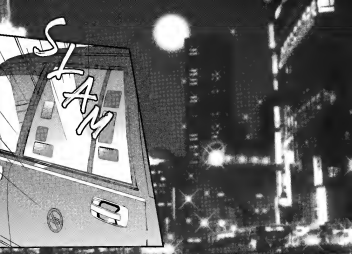
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AT ME,





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THAT TOO.

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OLD  
MAN?

WHY SO  
SUDDENLY?

THE  
STORE  
HAS BEEN  
CLOSED,  
AND YOU  
CAN DO  
AS YOU  
LIKE.



HADA,  
YOU

NO  
LONGER  
NEED TO  
COME  
HERE



YESTERDAY  
HE SHARED  
A CUP WITH  
AHARA.

AND FROM  
NOW ON, HE  
AND I ARE  
BROTHERS  
AND WILL  
WORK  
TOGETHER.



BECAUSE  
YUKITAKA  
ASKED ME  
TO.



AND IN  
EXCHANGE,  
YOU ARE  
FREE.

FINAL\_flap













AND IT WAS  
ALSO YOU WHO  
TOLD ME TO  
LIVE LIFE MY  
OWN WAY.



YOU WERE  
THE FIRST

THAT ONE  
MONTH

NOT TO LOOK  
AT ME AS THE  
SON OF THE  
ICHJOU.



AND I'M  
RELEASING  
YOU FROM  
THIS PATH.



I'M BECOMING  
A YAKUZA.







...THEN, IN  
THE FUTURE...



LIVE AS  
AN ORDINARY  
PERSON.



YOU CAN BE  
HAPPY...



...WITH  
SOMEONE.



CLOSE



BY THE WAY, IS YOUR INSOMNIA COMPLETELY CURED?



WILL YOU COME HELP OUT NEXT WEEK?

FINE BY ME.  
I'LL HAND YOU MY SCHEDULE.



I SEE  
THAT'S  
GOOD

YOU CLOSED  
THE SHOP AND  
VARIOUS OTHER  
THINGS. THERE  
ARE GOOD  
OMENS



YEAH I  
DON'T NEED  
THE MEDICINE  
ANYMORE.

Since then,  
I've been  
having a  
different  
dream.

...YEAH,  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.











"WITH SOMEONE,"  
YOU SAY...?

*...Then,  
in the future...*

*...you can  
be happy...*

...WITH  
SOMEONE...



NOW, LET US  
BEGIN THE  
BROTHERHOOD  
CUP CEREMONY  
OF THE YAGAMI  
GROUP.



DID THEY  
HAVE TO SHARE  
THE CUP SO  
SOON?



EVEN THOUGH  
YUHTAKA  
WAS MADE TO  
JOIN AT THE  
REQUEST OF  
THAT YAGAMI  
BASTARD.



BUT WHAT  
ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
DO?



WE CAN'T  
ALLOW  
YAGAMI TO  
LOOK DOWN  
ON US.



HE'S  
MAKING  
FOOLS OF  
US.



IS THAT  
OKAY, BOSS  
REHARAT?



HE WON  
YUHTAKA  
OVER IN  
ORDER TO  
BUILD UP HIS  
STRENGTH.



YES.

AND THE SOONER WE  
STRIKE, THE  
BETTER.



...YUKITAKA  
HAD HAD  
CONFLICTS  
WITH THE  
SHIOBU  
GROUP.

AND THERE  
ARE ALSO  
SOME GUYS  
WITH PERSONAL  
GRUDGES.

CAN WE  
USE THEM?



...YEAH.

IT'S GOTTEN  
LATE.



WE HAVEN'T  
BEEN TO  
SHINJUKU FOR  
A WHILE.



ANYTHING  
IS FINE.

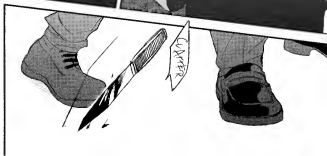
WHAT  
SHOULD WE  
DO ABOUT  
DINNERT?











**YUKI-  
SAN...!!**





OH, GET HIM!



YUKI-SAN!

THUD

EEEE...

YOU'RE SLEEPING AWAKE...

WHAT THE HELL... YOU FASTER...



YUKI-SAN...!!

COLLAPSE

AN AMBU-LANCE...!!

HANG UP!!







I LOVE  
YOU...









SURE  
YOU'LL HAVE  
TO GET USED  
TO FEEDING  
ME.

SOFT  
FOODS...??

AND ONLY  
LET HIM EAT  
SOFT FOODS.



...GIVE ME A  
BREAK, YOU DUMB  
BASTARD.



HE SHOULD  
STAY IN BED  
FOR THREE  
WEEKS.



I can wait  
to eat.

I have to go  
work on the  
duty.

THEY MAY  
COME AFTER  
YOU AGAIN.

WHEN  
THE TIME'S  
RIGHT,

DO YOU THINK  
THE SHINOBU  
WILL JUST  
WITHDRAW?

TO BEGIN WITH,  
OTHER THAN  
WORKING ABOUT  
WHO'LL BE  
FEEDING YOU.



I GOT IT!  
HARU!

I GOT  
IT?

WHEN YOU  
TOLD ME YOU  
WERE BECOMING  
A YAKUZA, I  
WAS SO...





CAN WE GO  
SEE HIM?

WHEN EVERY-  
THING'S CALMED  
DOWN...

...I'LL BE  
WAITING.

ONE YEAR  
LATER









...YO.



SORRY  
FOR MAKING  
YOU WAIT.



GOOD  
CONTACT IS  
THE NORMAL  
WAY

FORGIVE  
WERE YOU  
REMINISCING?



ARE YOU

SLEEPING WELL  
AT NIGHT?



I MISSED  
YOU





TONIGHT...

...YOU'LL GET  
ME TO SLEEP  
FOR SURE.

FINAL flap END



flap\_2





YEAH, I WANT YOU TO TAKE SOME PHOTOS OF THE BOYS TO USE ON THE WEBSITE.

SURE, SURE. IT WAS SOME PHOTOS, IF I REMEMBERED RIGHT?



DID YOU MAKE A MAN OF HIM?

Your taste at men isn't too changed!

ENOUGH. LET'S TALK ABOUT WORK, AKI.



That one week...

IN THAT CAFE, ON THE DAY OF THE SHOOT.

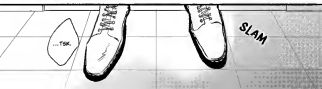
AT THE OFFICE...



BUT IF YOU INTERFERE WITH MY WORK, I'LL KILL YOU.

YOU NEED TO BE WHERE I CAN SEE YOU AT ALL TIMES.













One  
hour  
earlier.

1000



**YOU'VE  
BEEN  
PICKED  
UP!!**

It's time  
for you to  
put your  
power on  
display.

SORRY,  
BUT THIS  
TIME YOU  
HAVE TO  
PUT IN AN  
APPEAR-  
ANCE.

BUT MY  
KETSU-  
MOCHI<sup>®</sup>  
TOLD ME  
TO TAKE  
CARE OF  
MAM.

HOW WILL IT  
LOOK IF I  
LEAVE SOME-  
ONE THAT I'VE  
BEEN ASKED  
TO WATCH  
OVER ALONE?

100

WHAT IF  
YOU JUST  
LET HIM  
GO?

THINGS  
WANT  
TO LIVE  
TO DO...

...the ...  
...the ...  
...the ...  
...the ...

Time Person or organization (not subject) in charge of solving problems caused by subordination

THERE'S A MAN  
I WANT YOU  
TO FIND RIGHT  
NOW...



SORRY

I'VE CAUSED  
SO MANY  
PEOPLE TO  
BE OBLIGED  
TO ME. I  
JUST CAN'T  
REMEMBER  
THEM ALL.



YES,  
WE'RE MUCH  
OBLIGED TO  
YOU.



WE'VE  
BEEN  
LOOKING  
FOR YOU.

WHAT...  
ARE YOU  
GUYS FROM  
THE SHIROU  
GROUP...?



YOU'VE BEEN  
SPOILED FAR  
TOO MUCH.

COUGH

SORRY



DON'T BE  
SO FULL OF  
YOURSELF!  
EAT THIS!







DO  
WHAT  
YOU  
HAVE  
TO DO.

RUN

CH





THAT  
WASN'T  
WORK.



IS THAT  
PART OF YOUR  
JOB AS A  
WATCHDOG?



AND HERE  
I THOUGHT  
YOU WERE ONE  
OF THOSE  
"INTELLECTUAL  
YAKUZA."

SEEMS  
YOU'RE MORE  
THE COMBAT-  
READY TYPE.



I ONLY HIT  
YOU BECAUSE  
YOU PISSED ME  
OFF.









IS HE A  
GORILLA OR  
WHAT...?!

THE PLACES  
WHERE THAT  
OLD MAN HIT  
ME HURT THE  
MOST!

IT HURTS...

...OW.



Flip

SHIT...!



WHEN DID  
IT START...?

HOW  
LONG HAS  
IT BEEN...?

"How long  
have you  
been this  
way?"



...HE  
REALLY IS  
ONE WILD  
DUDE.







YURI.



BECAUSE  
EVERYONE SAYS  
BAD THINGS  
ABOUT DAD...



...One day,  
the brother  
who told  
me that  
suddenly  
disappeared.

NE-  
QUANT?

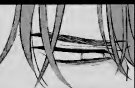


BE GENTLE,  
YURI.

THAT'S THE  
WAY TO PROTECT  
YOURSELF AND  
THE PEOPLE  
YOU LOVE.



STRENGTH  
CAN ALSO MEAN  
NOT GIVING AS  
GOOD AS YOU  
GET.















flap\_2 END

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Did...



...he say  
"Shigure" just  
now. ?











flap\_3











"About Shigure-san's character."



Touching  
him...

SHIGU-  
RE...



For him  
he...

...but  
couldn't  
stop

SHIGU-  
RE...



B U M P

UH...

















I LOVED  
HIM.



...IT  
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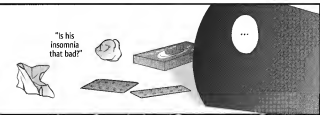












"Is his  
insomnia  
that bad?"



8 YEARS  
AGO...

"Yeah, going  
on 10 years  
now."





Ever since  
Aniki died...



and

The amount  
of medication  
he's been  
taking has  
kept  
increasing.



I don't  
understand...



That  
goddamned  
Anti of  
mine...



What's so  
hard to  
forget

about  
my anti?







OI!!

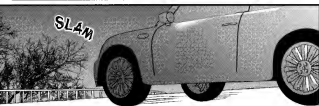
WHAT'S  
WRONG?!

OI...!!













IF YOU TAKE  
A TRIP, YOU'LL  
GET WORN OUT  
AND BE ABLE  
TO SLEEP!

IT'S BECAUSE  
YOU'RE ALWAYS  
IN SUCH A  
SMALL SPACE  
THAT YOU  
CAN'T SLEEP!

DO SOMEPLACE  
LIKE THIS EVERY  
ONCE IN A  
WHILE...!

HEH!

IT PASSES  
ME OFF  
WHEN I  
SEE YOU'RE  
NOT ABLE  
TO SLEEP.



SOUNDS LIKE  
A KID'S WAY OF  
THINKING.

WHAT'S  
WITH THIS?



BUT WHAT  
YOU SAY MAY  
BE TRUE.





WHAT WAS  
SO GREAT  
ABOUT MY  
BROTHER?



SO WE  
COULDN'T  
AFTER ANKI  
DIED?

HEY,

I DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND...



HE MAY NOT  
HAVE BEEN A  
GOOD BROTHER  
TO YOU,



HE DIDN'T  
EVEN SPEAK  
TO ME THE  
LAST TIME I  
SAW HIM.

MY BROTHER  
ABANDONED ME.  
FIRST, HE  
DISAPPEARED,  
AND THEN HE  
DIED.



LIKE ME.



BUT THERE  
ARE GUYS  
WHO HE  
SAVED.





LET'S GO HOME.

TOO MUCH TALKING.



BUT YOU...

ARE YOU STILL NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SLEEP AFTER THAT?



WOULDN'T THAT BE TOO HARD ON YOU?





YUKI-  
TAMA...?

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It should have been, but...

...in  
front of  
him, of all  
people...

AND  
SLEEP...

I  
WANT TO  
FORGET  
EVERY-  
THING

Why...

IT'S  
HARD

HOW  
ABOUT  
THIS?

*Golden*

...did I have  
the confidence  
to...

...say it?

I WON'T BE  
ABLE TO SLEEP.

*Emu*

...

MUSIC WITH  
THE SOUND OF  
RAIN

COULD IT  
HELP YOU  
SLEEP?

flap\_4





It's been like  
this ever since  
that night.



THAT WAS  
NO GOOD  
EITHER



he has been  
trying, in his  
own way, to  
get me to  
sleep.



For  
one whole  
week,



...MAYBE HE  
COULD SLEEP  
IF HE HAD  
THIS.



...



AND ABOUT  
THAT DAY...?



WOULD I  
BE ABLE TO  
FORGET ABOUT  
SHIGURE...?

IF I  
COULD SLEEP,  
WHAT WOULD  
HAPPEN?



Q.

Would I even  
wish for that...?



YOU SEEM  
REALLY BORED,  
SO IF WE DO  
THAT, MAYBE...

YUKITAKA



LET'S GO  
TO A MOVIE  
AFTER  
THIS.







SHUT UP,  
OKAY?

THE  
CAUSE IS...

NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
YOU DO THIS,  
I'M NOT  
GOING TO  
BE ABLE TO  
SLEEP,



THAT WAS  
JUST... ME  
GIVING IN  
TO A BAD  
IMPULSE.



YOU SAID  
THAT YOU  
WANTED TO  
SLEEP.

AND I  
BELIEVE  
IT.



YOU MAY  
BE ABLE TO  
SLEEP  
SOMETIME.

*clack*

...

WHY ARE  
YOU GOING  
THIS FAR  
FOR ME?

*PAUSE*



BUT EVEN  
SO, RATHER  
THAN LYING  
AWAKE ALL  
NIGHT THINKING  
ABOUT IT  
ALONE.

IT'S BETTER  
TO DO SOME-  
THING.





ON  
YOU'RE NOT  
LAUGHING,  
ARE YOU?!



HEH...



WORRYING  
OVER SUCH  
A SHITTY  
ANKI FOR  
11 YEARS.

GROW  
UP!



LET'S  
GO.

TOW



I'LL TAKE  
A PASS  
ON THE  
MOVIE.

DID YOU  
DECIDE YOU  
FELT LIKE A  
MOVIE?



SERIOUSLY,  
I'M...

...BECOMING  
AN IDIOT  
JUST FROM  
BEING WITH  
YOU!



PUT SOME CLOTHES ON, YOU.

BUT I'M HOT.

I WON'T KISS YOU IF YOU CATCH A COLD.



WHAT, WE'RE DRINKING AT HOME?

YEAH.



OH, DAMN. THIS IS MY LAST CIGARETTE...

I'VE NEVER CAUGHT A COLD.



SINCE I SMOKED  
ONE WHEN WE  
WERE OUT...



I SHOULD  
HAVE BOUGHT  
MORE EARLIER.



OH,  
YEAH...



OH.





HMM...



BY SOME CHANCE, WERE YOU JUST THINKING THAT I LOOKED LIKE HIM?

NO, I WASN'T.



IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.



IT'S MY PROBLEM.



YOUR INSOMNIA...

...DID IT GET WORSE BECAUSE OF ME?









I LEARNED  
HOW TO  
FOLD IT AND  
PRACTICED,  
SO I COULD  
SHOW IT TO  
HIM.

BACK THEN,  
THAT KINDA  
THING MADE  
ME REALLY  
HAPPY.



I BOUGHT  
MY FIRST  
CIGARETTES  
AFTER HIS  
FUNERAL.



BUT HE  
DIED BEFORE  
I COULD  
SHOW HIM.



AND THEN,  
JUST LIKE HIM,  
I FOLDED IT.



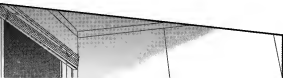
AND EVEN  
THOUGH IT  
WAS HARD,  
I SMOKED  
THE WHOLE  
PACK.



I BOUGHT MY  
ANIM'S BRAND,  
BECAUSE THAT  
WAS ALL I  
KNEW.

BUT THEY  
WERE REALLY  
BITTER.











...I can hear a sound.

The sound of Yukitaka's  
heartbeat.

*So deep*

How many  
years has  
it been,

*So deep*

since I've  
slept in  
someone's  
arms?

*Why*



NOW...

LET ME  
GO...

I CAN'T  
SLEEP LIKE  
THIS...

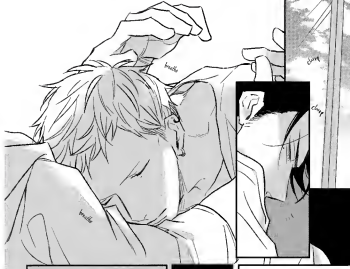


IT'S OKAY.  
JUST CLOSE  
YOUR EYES.



...













AND THEN I'LL  
HAVE BROKEN  
ALL TIES WITH  
THE YAKUZA.



WILL YOU  
TAKE THAT  
PATH SOME  
DAY?

BUT YOU  
NO LONGER  
SIT DOWN  
AND DRINK  
WITH THEM,  
DO YOU?



BECAUSE  
THE BUSINESS  
I CHOOSE WAS  
A BUSINESS.

I'VE BEEN  
ON THE  
STRAIGHT  
AND NARROW  
FOR A LONG  
TIME, BUT IT'S  
A MATTER  
OF PAYING  
RESPECT.



...WHO  
KNOWS?



I'VE COME  
TO SEEM LIKE  
A YAKUZA JUST  
FROM LIVING  
IN THAT  
ENVIRONMENT.

EVEN  
THOUGH I  
DON'T KNOW  
TOO MUCH  
ABOUT IT  
MYSELF,



I'VE BEEN  
TREATED AS  
THE SON OF A  
YAKUZA SINCE  
I WAS LITTLE.



...I'LL THINK  
ABOUT IT.



If I can sleep  
again...

But...



IT WAS ONLY  
BECAUSE I  
WAS DRUNK  
LAST NIGHT.



WHAT...

...AM I  
SADIST?



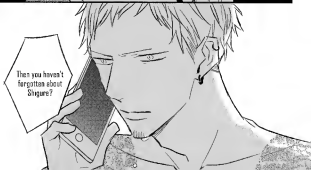
If I can dose  
in that warmth  
until morning...



In his arms...







...And what  
you did?





BUT I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO SLEEP...



I KILLED  
SHIGURE.







That  
was...

...when I met  
him.





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NIGHTS  
BEFORE  
NIGHT







...THEY  
SOON FALL  
TO THE  
GROUND.



EVEN THOUGH  
THEY FINALLY  
BLOOMED.



...

"Haru" means "spring," but it also means "prostitute."



I DIDN'T  
KNOW HE'D  
GO AS FAR  
AS TO SET UP  
WITH A WHORE  
PROSTITUTE.

OH, AM I  
FANCY?

OH...  
SO YOU'RE  
SAGAMI'S  
LATEST  
EFFORT TO  
FLAUNT HIS  
INFLUENCE.



HARU?

MY  
NAME.

...IT'S  
HARU.



WHY ARE YOU  
THE LOVER OF  
A MAN LIKE  
THAT?



WHY WORK  
SO HARD?  
YOU'RE NOT  
A YAKUZA  
ARE YOU?

...BUT  
THAT WAS  
BEFORE.



I HAVE  
NOTHING  
TO DO WITH  
THAT WORLD  
ANYMORE.

I'M NOT.  
I'VE BEEN  
PUSHED  
FROM  
UNDER THE  
TOKJOU  
UMBRELLA.

NOW  
I'M JUST A  
BRANCH.



My  
NEXT...



OH?

YOU'D  
BEST  
FIND  
YOUR  
NEXT  
MAN.

BUT IT'S  
TIME FOR  
SAGAMI TO  
MOVE ON  
FROM THE  
GROUP...



...  
...IT'S  
EASY.

OUTSIDERS  
LIKE ME CAN  
GO ON LIVING  
IF WE FIND  
SUCH A MAN.



...COULD  
BE YOU?



HAY!

I LIKE  
YOUR EYES.  
IT'S LIKE  
THEY'RE  
PICKING  
ME.

KEEP TALKING,  
YOU DAMNED  
BRAT.



HEY!  
HURRY UP  
AND SPIT  
IT OUT!



HI. SPREAD  
OUT THE  
TART AND  
BRING  
ME THE  
FLIERS.

I'LL MAKE  
THIS FAGGOT  
TALK.

YOU KNEW  
WHAT WOULD  
HAPPEN  
WHEN YOU  
GOT INVOLVED  
WITH US  
TAKKZA,  
DIDN'T YOU?!

WHERE DID  
THAT SON  
OF A BITCH  
SASAKI  
GO?

YOU KNEW  
WHERE HE  
IS, DIDN'T  
YOU?!



HERE'S THE  
MAN YOU'RE  
LOOKING FOR.



GEEZ, HOW  
VIOLENT.



OI, BRING HIM HERE!



Hoy, stand up!



HE WASN'T JUST SELLING DRUGS, HE WAS DOING THEM HIMSELF.

DO WHAT YOU LIKE WITH HIM.

SASAKI!

THAT'S



WAS IT LIKE WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE?



IF YOU KNEW THAT MUCH, THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN AWAY?



SASAKI HAD AN INJECTION SCAR UNDER HIS THUMBNAI....

I'D KEEP WATCH FOR HIM WHEN HE WAS HERE.





LOOKS LIKE  
YOUR MIND  
WORKS PRETTY  
WELL.



IF TO RUN  
AWAY, THEY'D  
HAVE SUSPECTED  
ME TOO.



WHY DID  
YOU SAVE  
ME?



MORE  
IMPORTANTLY,  
LET ME HAVE  
A SMOKE.

HOW LONG  
DID YOU HOLD  
OUT FOR...?



I JUST  
CAME HERE  
FOR WORK.

YOUR FACE  
LOOKS  
HORRIBLE.  
DOESN'T IT HURT?

IT  
DOES.





OH, YOU'RE  
AWAKE, HUH?



OH, OH  
SHIGURE-  
SAN.



"THEN  
SHARE A  
CLIP WITH  
ME."



NOW THAT  
SUGGESTS  
BANSHEED?

WHAT'RE  
YOU GONNA  
DO?



WAW! I'LL  
PASS.

I WANDA  
BE YOUR  
LOVER.

the means form a yakuza relationship



I WANT TO  
BE OF USE  
TO YOU.



...SHI-  
SURE-  
CAN.



THERE'S  
A PLACE IN  
NI-CHUANG,  
UNDER THE  
BRIDGE.  
WHERE YOU  
CAN DO  
WHAT YOU  
LIKE. GO  
THERE.



I'LL TAKE  
A PASS  
ON THAT,  
TOO.

I DIDN'T  
REALLY  
SAVE YOU,  
YOU KNOW.

I DIDN'T DO  
ANYTHING  
FOR YOU.



...Shigure  
was a strange  
man.





NEVER MIND THAT. WHY ARE THEY DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

IT'S SUMMER, SO IT WOULD BE BLISS IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE FIREWORKS.



UNLIKE YOUR PLACE, THE OLD MAN'S HOUSE IS MAGNIFICENT.

CV  
15



UNLIKE MR. YAGAMI WANTS MONEY AND SUCCESS. SINCE YOU CAN BE OF USE TO HIM, HE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU TO THE VERY END.

...THERE'S A LOT OF IT.



ALL...? SAY... IT FALL.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.

He should be able to tell.



...



YOU GONNA DO IT TOO?



...THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
ELSE I WANT  
TO DO.



YOU'RE NOT  
DYING YET,  
RIGHT?



I HEAR THAT  
YOU'VE BEEN  
HANGING AROUND  
WITH SHIGURE  
LATELY.





DON'T YOU  
FIND IT STRANGE  
THAT A CHILD OF  
THE ICHIJOU  
FAMILY, EVEN  
THOUGH HE'S  
ILLEGITIMATE,  
ISN'T PART OF  
THEIR GROUP?



There's nothing  
between us.

SPLASH



be with  
me?

SPLASH



Why would  
that guy

SPLASH



IS HE  
IN THE  
BACK?



BATTLE

SHOULDRE-  
GANT?





SHOJIRO  
-SAN...

















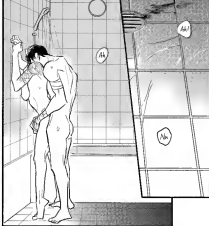
...After  
that,

there were  
more and more  
days when  
Shigure came  
home with  
darkened  
eyes.





Neither of  
us would say  
anything.



I MAY NOT  
BE ABLE TO GO  
ON WITH THIS  
WORK...

Day after day,  
I loved being  
the guardian  
of Shigure's  
weakness.



The end was  
sudden.



HARU.

SEEMS THE  
HONJOU BOSS  
EXPELLED HIM  
THIS MORNING  
BUT...

...It can't be.

DID HE GET  
PICKED UP  
IN DEALING  
DRUGS?

BY THE  
YAKUZA? IN  
YOKOHAMA?!

**SHIGURE  
HAS BEEN  
BANNED!!**

SHIGURE-  
SAN...!

TAMI FUTA  
It can't be...!!  
CLINIC CLIN

YO.

HARU?

YOU...

...WEREN'T  
SUPPOSED TO  
BE WORKING  
WITH THE  
YAKUZA...



The terms of his excommunication were treated as exceptional.

He started a mahjong parlor in a building in Shinjuku owned by Yagami.

After that, Shigure quit the yakuza.





HE'S A  
GOOD, CUTE  
BOY.

HE'S ABOUT  
15 NOW.



I HAVE  
A YOUNGER  
BROTHER.



WHAT'RE  
YOU DOING  
WITH THESE  
KIDS?

Hehehe  
I MISSED  
YOU.



IT WOULD HAVE  
BEEN GOOD IF I'D  
GONE TO SEE HIM  
BEFORE I WAS  
BANNED, BUT...



THIS KID  
IS SELLING  
HIMSELF.



IT'S JUST  
UNTIL WE  
GET WHAT  
HE OWES.

HIS FATHER  
OWES MONEY,  
BUT HE LEFT  
HIS KID AND  
RAN OFF...

HE'S BEEN  
WORKING AT  
THE BROTHEL  
FOR AROUND  
THE LAST SIX  
MONTHS.



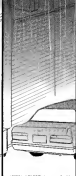
The kid told  
me his name  
was Shiro.

OH, CALL THE  
LANDLORD,  
WE'RE LEAVING  
THIS ROOM.



...THIS IS  
YOUR CLIP  
BROTHER.\*

I TOLD YOUR  
OLD MAN WE'RE  
NOT A DAYCARE  
CENTER OR A  
HEALTHCARE  
CENTER.



BECAUSE  
I'M A DOG.



HOW  
OLD ARE  
YOU?

IS.

WHAT'S  
YOUR  
NAME?

MY FATHER  
CALLED ME  
"SHIRO."

BUT ANY-  
THING'S  
FINE



HEY, BRAT!  
DON'T TAKE  
ONLY THE  
MEAT!

...WHY IS  
HARU-SAN  
ALWAYS  
HERE?

...Shigure  
accepted Shiro  
as a kind of a  
younger son.

ALL RIGHT.  
WE'LL TAKE  
CARE OF  
YOU.





That hurts.  
Surgery can

OW!  
What are  
you saying  
That doesn't  
hurt.



HEY,  
EAT YOUR  
VEGETABLES



YOU GUYS  
SURE ARE  
CLOSE.

IN WHAT  
WAY?!



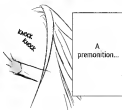
HEY,  
HARU.



HOW MUCH  
IS LEFT ON  
HIS FATHER'S  
LOAN?



I DON'T WANT  
HIM TO END UP  
A DOG LIKE  
ME.





SORRY  
FOR JUST  
TURNING UP.



CAN I  
COME IN?

SHOULD  
-SAY.



WANNA  
DRINK WITH  
ME?



I BROUGHT  
SOME BOOZE.



YOUR ROOM  
IS AS EMPTY  
AS EVER.

WHAT  
BRINGS  
YOU HERE  
AT THIS  
TIME OF  
DAY?

IS IT THE  
SHOOP?

THERE  
WERE NO  
CUSTOMERS,  
SO I  
CLOSED  
UP.



GET SOME  
GLASSES  
OUT.

YOU LIKE  
WHISKEY,  
DON'T  
YOU?

THE LIQUOR  
STORE OWNER  
BROUGHT SOME  
OUT FROM THE  
BACK. HE SAID  
IT WAS GOOD.



ALL OF A  
SUDDEN...

WHAT'S THE  
MATTER?

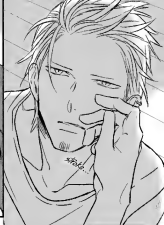


...TO SEE  
YOUR FACE.

...I JUST  
WANTED...



...NO  
MATTER  
WHAT.



SHIGURE-  
SAN.

WE CAN  
DRINK LATER.

MAKE LOVE TO  
ME, PLEASE.







...to be with you  
always.





4 4 4 4 4 4 4

That was his end.





EVEN SO, HE  
WASN'T ABLE TO  
FREE HIMSELF.



HE EVEN  
GOT YOU  
INVOLVED.



THEN THOSE  
DRUG DEALS  
WERE MADE  
ON ORDERS  
FROM THE  
ICHJOU  
HEAD...!

HARU.



IT'S TRUE,  
HE WAS UNDER  
SURVEILLANCE BY  
THE ICHJOU. HE  
WAS ACTING UNDER  
THE OLD MAN'S  
ORDERS.



I CAN'T BELIEVE  
HE WAS TAKING  
THAT KID AWAY...



SHIGURE  
KNEW TOO  
MUCH.

THAT'S  
ALL.

ONE YEAR  
LATER.



YOU  
HAVE A  
GUEST

OI, SHIRO.  
COME OUT.



and I quit  
the yakuza.

Like an  
empty husk,  
I took Shiro,  
who was  
selling his  
body,





IT BE  
EASIER IF I  
REGRETTED  
HM...?

WOULD



The last  
connection  
that I had  
left with  
Shigure.



HOW ARE  
YOU GOING TO  
LIVE FROM  
NOW ON?

Shabby and  
pitiful, it looked  
like that kid  
was going to  
die soon.

OH, CALL THE  
LANDLORD.  
WE'RE LEAVING  
THIS ROOM.

The kid  
said his name  
was Shiro.





Me.

NIGHTS  
BEFORE  
NIGHT



NIGHTS  
BEFORE  
NIGHT



I UNDER-  
STAND...



HE WAS  
ABLE TO LIVE  
AS SOMETHING  
OTHER THAN A  
DOG AGAIN...



IF I HADN'T  
BROUGHT  
SHIRO TO  
ARM THAT  
TIME...

EVEN SO,  
I CAN'T HELP  
THINKING  
ABOUT IT.



BECAUSE  
OF ME,  
HE...!



YOU ONLY  
WANTED TO  
HELP THEM



IT WASN'T  
YOUR FAULT.

IT WASN'T  
YOUR FAULT.

BOTH MY  
ANIKI AND  
THAT KID.



I'M NOT  
GONNA LET  
GO.

ENOUGH.

DIDN'T I TELL  
YOU I WAS  
GOING TO GET  
YOU TO SLEEP?

I'M BEGGING  
YOU, PLEASE  
LET ME GO...







IS IT...

...ONLY IF  
I SLEEP LIKE  
THIS?



...THAT  
YOU LOVED  
MY ANKI.

YOU TOLD ME  
BEFORE...



EVEN NOW,  
MY BROTHER  
IS IN YOUR  
HEART.



I DON'T HAVE  
TO TRUMP YOU,  
OR FORCE YOU  
TO FORGET HIM.

THAT ALONE  
IS ENOUGH,  
ISN'T IT?



AND HE'LL  
ALWAYS BE  
THERE.



With him...

HARU'S A  
NICE NAME.

He didn't  
want to lose  
him.

HARU.

He just

wanted  
to be with  
him.

THAT  
ALONE IS  
ENOUGH.

While he had  
regrets...



and blamed  
himself.

He was unable  
to move on.







GO TO  
SLEEP  
NOW...

HARLI.













YOU WERE  
WORTHLESS  
AFTER BEING  
INFLUENCED  
BY SHIGURE.



DIDN'T I TELL  
YOU NOT TO  
GET INVOLVED  
WITH YUKITAKA?



YOU'VE  
CHANGED  
YOUR  
TUNE, OLD  
MAN...

YOU SAID  
WHEN  
YUKITAKA'S  
HOUSE  
ARREST  
WAS OVER,  
I COULD  
CLOSE UP  
SHOP...

HABU.



I'M SURE  
YOU CAN  
HANDLE IT  
AND THE  
SHOP AT  
THE SAME  
TIME.



I HAVE A NEW  
ENTERPRISE  
THAT I WANT  
TO LEAVE IN  
YOUR HANDS.





THE KID WILL  
BE FINE ON  
HIS OWN.



E...  
KNOW  
THAT,

BUT...

YOU.

TEN YEARS  
AGO, WHO BUT  
ME WOULD  
HAVE DONE  
BUSINESS  
WITH A  
GREENBORN  
LIKE YOU WHO  
BOUGHT A  
KID IN?

DO YOU KNOW  
THE MEANING OF  
"FOR THE LAST  
TIME AND WITH  
NO FUSS?"



IT'S YOU WHO  
WON'T LET GO  
OF HIM.



COME AND SEE  
ME AGAIN NEXT  
WEEK.



Once you fall  
into a hole  
like this, you  
can't get out  
so easily.



I knew that,  
but...



But he...



"You haven't  
shared a cup  
yet."







NOTHING  
MUCH.

WHAT DID  
YAGAMI  
SAY TO  
YOU?



BUT WE  
STILL HAVE  
SOME DAYS  
LEFT...

AND YOU  
SEEMED  
EASIER TO  
GO BACK TO  
YOUR OWN  
STONING  
GROUNDS.

IT'S NOT  
A PROBLEM  
ANYMORE.



STUMBLE



PACK YOUR  
BAGS RIGHT  
AWAY.



YOU  
KNOW, I...

I'M BEGGING  
YOU GET OUT  
OF HERE.



I WAS ONLY  
TAKING CARE OF  
YOU UNTIL THE  
SHOP CLOSED.



...IS THAT  
RIGHT?

.....



LOOK AT ME,  
MARU.





I SHOULD  
HAVE MADE  
LOVE TO YOU  
YESTERDAY ..



UNDER-  
STOOD. I'LL  
CONTACT  
YOU AGAIN.



CAN WE  
CHANGE YOUR  
APPOINTMENT?

THE OLD  
MAN HAD  
TO GO OUT  
SUDDENLY.



HEY, DID  
YOU HEAR?

CALLING  
ME OUT  
HERE.



SEEMS THAT  
THE IGALOU  
HEAD PASSED  
AWAY THIS  
MORNING.



THREE  
WEEKS  
LATER

EXCUSE ME,  
HARU-SAN.





MOST  
LIKELY...

HE DIDN'T  
AGREE WITH  
THE HEAD'S  
WAY OF  
THINKING, IT  
SEEMS.

HE DOESN'T  
SEE EYE TO  
EYE WITH  
OUR GROUP  
EITHER.



SUDDENLY  
HEAD-  
QUARTERS  
IS IN  
CHAOS.

THE OLD MAN'S  
STAYING OVER  
IN KAWASAKI  
TONIGHT.

WILL THE  
NEXT HEAD  
BE ANAGAWA?



THE OLD MAN  
HAS ALWAYS  
CULTIVATED THE  
SCHOOL...









AFTER SHARING  
CLIPS WITH MIHARA  
I CAN SHARE A  
BROTHER'S CLIP  
WITH YOU.

OF COURSE,  
MIHARA WILL  
NOW BECOME  
THE SCHIZOJI  
HEAD.

BUT NOT  
ENTIRELY.

THERE IS  
ENORMOUS  
SUPPORT  
FOR YOU  
AS THE  
BIOLOGICAL  
SON TO  
INHERIT  
YOUR  
PORTION.



I WON'T LIVE  
MY LIFE LIKE  
MY OLD MAN.

HEY?

IF YOU AND  
I LIVE IN AN  
ENTERPRISE ...

SCRAPE















YAGAMI

SLAM



OPENS

BOSS!

THE SON  
OF THE  
ICHIJOU  
HEIR...!



RATTLE



YAGAMI.

I WANT TO  
MAKE A DEAL  
WITH YOU.

Map\_6 END

*We're looking for a  
committed chinese  
and korean transla-  
tor to join us in de-  
pravity.*

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SERAPHIC  
DEVILTRY

NIGHTS  
BEFORE  
NIGHT

# THE NIGHT



















"DURING THIS  
GAME YEAR,  
I BECAME THE  
WAKAGASHIRA."

\*Young Yinsen second in command



"... IS  
THAT SO?"



"KISS...  
KISS...  
SINCE YOU  
WEREN'T  
THERE..."

"IT WAS  
A QUIET  
YEAR."

"...  
JUST  
WORK...  
JUST  
WORK."

"WHAT DID  
YOU DO FOR  
THE WHOLE  
YEAR?"



"...  
SORRY FOR  
BEING NOISY."







Yaku-  
haha...

he...

Agh!

Suck

Suck

Suck

Agh!

Wah...

It's too  
light...

HARD, I WANT  
TO PUT IT IN...

So...

Shinichi







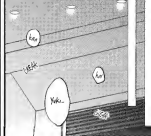


























UNTIL  
TOMORROW

THE NIGHT END

## NIGHTS BEFORE NIGHT.

Nice to meet you. My name is Matsuno Kazuki.

To everyone who purchased this book, thank you for reading this far.

This work is a spin-off of my previous work, MOE'S, where Haru-san appeared as the owner of a brothel. It was because of the wishes of the readers that this work was able to be serialized. I'm full of gratitude to all of you for being able to finish a book in this way!

To create backgrounds for the characters and to draw out the story of their past, as well as being able to draw Haru-san, Shijuro-san, and Shiro again, made me happy. What with one thing and another, I think Hattaka will try to see Haru every night (while thoroughly conspiring Tsukemon). LOL. If you enjoyed anything about this book, I'll be happy.

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